

Decision \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of Application of Southern  
California Gas Company (U904G) for  
Approval of the Branch Office Optimization  
Process.

Application 13-09-010  
(Filed September 16, 2013)

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE****Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to November 5, 2015.

**1. Background**

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) provides that ratesetting cases must be resolved within 18 months of the date the scoping memo is issued unless the Commission makes findings why that statutory deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days.

On March 7, 2014, the assigned Commissioner's Scoping memo was issued, categorizing this proceeding as ratesetting. The Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo also set the schedule and the 18-month deadline for resolving this proceeding is September 6, 2015.

A proposed decision (PD) is scheduled to mail for public review and comment by Mid-September, 2015. An extension of the statutory deadline until November 5, 2015, is necessary to provide parties with enough time to comment

on the PD and to provide the Commission time to deliberate on the PD and to issue the final decision.

## **2. Waiver of Comment Period**

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

## **3. Assignment of Proceeding**

Carla J. Peterman is the assigned Commissioner and Julie M. Halligan is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

## **Findings of Fact**

1. The statutory deadline for resolving this ratesetting proceeding is September 6, 2015.
2. A proposed decision is scheduled to mail for public review and comment by Mid-September, 2015.
3. A 60-day extension of the statutory deadline is necessary to provide parties enough time to comment on the proposed decision and to give the Commission time to deliberate on the proposed decision and to issue its final decision.

## **Conclusion of Law**

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to November 5, 2015.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the statutory deadline in this proceeding, September 6, 2015, is extended until November 5, 2015.

This order is effective today.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, at San Francisco, California.